

## House Resolution 1299

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may  
2 by general law provide a trust fund for the purpose of paying hospitals for unreimbursed  
3 trauma care to victims of severe injury or trauma and make all provisions relating to such  
4 fund; to provide that the General Assembly may provide for a source of funding specifically  
5 designated for such fund, and that such fund shall not be subject to the lapsing provisions of  
6 the Constitution; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or  
7 rejection; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

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10 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by inserting at the end  
11 thereof a new subparagraph to read as follows:

12 "(n) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for a trust fund for  
13 the purpose of paying hospitals for unreimbursed trauma care provided to victims of severe  
14 injury or trauma and to make such provisions as the General Assembly deems necessary  
15 and appropriate governing the operation and administration of such fund. Notwithstanding  
16 the provisions of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the General Assembly is authorized  
17 to designate one or more sources of revenue to be paid into the fund. Moneys paid into the  
18 fund shall not be subject to the provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c),  
19 relative to the lapsing of funds."

**SECTION 2.**

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21 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as  
22 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the  
23 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

1     "( ) YES   Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the  
2               General Assembly may establish a trust fund to pay hospitals for  
3     ( ) NO    unreimbursed trauma care to victims of severe injury or trauma and to  
              designate one or more sources of revenue to be paid into such fund?"

4   All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."  
5   All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If  
6   such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall  
7   become a part of the Constitution of this state.